

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 45 wherein said broadcast information is a radio program.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 45 wherein said broadcast information is a television program.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 45 wherein said broadcast information is a computer program.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 45 further comprising:

transmitting said broadcast information to said first user device from a server;

in response to said first user device shutting down and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a third communication link with said server; and

receiving said broadcast information from said server via said third communication link.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 45
further comprising:

 sending status update messages to said transmission scheduler.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 45
further comprising

 while receiving said broadcast information and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a third communication link with a third user device; and

 retransmitting said broadcast information to said third user device to render to a third user via said third communication link.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 46
further comprising:

 in response to said first electronic device shutting down and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a third communication link between said electronic device and a second electronic device of said group; and

receiving said broadcast information from said second electronic device via said third communication link.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 46 further comprising periodically sending status update messages from said electronic device to said transmission scheduler.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 46 wherein said broadcast information is a radio program.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 46 wherein said broadcast information is a television program.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 46 wherein said broadcast information is a computer program.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 46 wherein said network of electronic devices comprises the Internet.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 47 wherein said broadcast information is an audio program.

17. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 47 wherein said broadcast information is a visual program.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 47 wherein said broadcast information is a radio program.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 47 wherein said broadcast information is a computer program.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 47 wherein said first broadcast source is a first user device.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 47 wherein said second broadcast source is a server.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 47 while receiving said broadcast information and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a third communication link with a broadcast target; and

retransmitting said broadcast information to said broadcast target via said third communication link.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 22 wherein said broadcast target is a first user device for rendering said broadcast information to a first user.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein said transmission scheduler is coupled to the Internet.

26. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein said user devices register with said transmission scheduler before receiving said broadcast information.

27. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein said broadcast information is an audio program.

28. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein said broadcast information is a visual program.

29. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein said broadcast information is a radio program.

30. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein said broadcast information is a computer program.

31. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein while said second user device is receiving said broadcast information, said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to said second user device to create a third communication link with a third user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said third user device via said third communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.

32. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 31 wherein in response to said second user device shutting down, said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to said first user device to create a fourth communication link with said third user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said third user device via said fourth communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.

33. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 32 wherein in response to said first user device shutting down, said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to one of said servers to create a fifth communication link with said third user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said third user device via said fifth communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.

34. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 48 wherein said transmission scheduler is operable to receive status update messages from said user devices.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 49 wherein said user devices register with said transmission scheduler before receiving said broadcast information.

37. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 49 wherein said broadcast information is an audio program.

38. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 49 wherein said broadcast information is a visual program.

39. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 49 wherein said broadcast information is a radio program.

40. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 49 wherein said broadcast information is a computer program.

41. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 49 while said third user device is receiving said broadcast information, said

transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to said third user device to create a third communication link with a fourth user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said fourth user device via said third communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.

42. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 41 wherein in response to said third user device shutting down, said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to said second user device to create a fourth communication link with said fourth user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said fourth user device via said fourth communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.

43. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 42 wherein in response to said second user device shutting down, said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to said first user device to create a fifth communication link with said fourth user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said fourth user device via said fifth communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.

44. (Previously Presented) A system as described in Claim 49 wherein said transmission scheduler is operable to receive status update messages from said user devices.

45. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating broadcast information, said method comprising:

- receiving a list comprising a plurality of different content selections;
- sending a content selection whose delivery is requested at a present time to a transmission scheduler;
- after said content selection is sent and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a first communication link with a first user device that is receiving and rendering to a first user broadcast information representing said content selection;
- receiving said broadcast information to render to a user from said first user device via said first communication link;
- while receiving said broadcast information and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a second communication link with a second user device; and
- retransmitting said broadcast information to said second user device to render to a second user via said second communication link.

46. (Currently Amended) A method of broadcasting information over a network of electronic devices, said method comprising:

- receiving a list comprising a plurality of different content selections at an electronic device;
- sending a content selection whose delivery is requested at a present time to a transmission scheduler;

after said content selection is sent and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a first communication link between said electronic device and a first electronic device of a group of electronic devices that are receiving and rendering broadcast information representing said content selection;

receiving said broadcast information to render from said first electronic device via said first communication link;

while receiving said broadcast information and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a second communication link between said electronic device and a different electronic device; and

retransmitting said broadcast information to said different electronic device to render via said second communication link.

47. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating broadcast information, said method comprising:

receiving a list comprising a plurality of different content selections;

sending a content selection whose delivery is requested at a present time to a transmission scheduler;

after said content selection is sent and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a first communication link with a first broadcast source which is transmitting broadcast information representing said content selection;

receiving said broadcast information to render to a user from said first broadcast source via said first communication link;

if said first broadcast source becomes unavailable and in response to instructions from said transmission scheduler, creating a second communication link with a second broadcast source which is transmitting said broadcast information; and

receiving said broadcast information from said second broadcast source via said second communication link.

48. (Currently Amended) A system for communicating broadcast information comprising:

a transmission scheduler operable to receive content selections whose delivery is requested at a present time from user devices, wherein each content selection is from a list comprising a plurality of different content selections; and

one or more servers operable to transmit broadcast information representing one or more of said content selections, wherein said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to one of said servers to create a first communication link with a first user device based on said content selection of said first user device to receive and to render broadcast information representing said content selection of said first user device, and wherein while said first user device is receiving said broadcast information, said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to said first user device to create a second communication link with a second user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said second user device via said second communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.

49. (Currently Amended) A system for communicating broadcast information comprising:

a transmission scheduler operable to receive content selections whose delivery is requested at a present time from user devices, wherein each content selection is from a list comprising a plurality of different content selections, wherein said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to a first user device to create a first communication link with a second user device based on said content selection of said second user device to receive and to render broadcast information representing said content selection of said second user device, and wherein while said second user device is receiving said broadcast information, said transmission scheduler is operable to send instructions to said second user device to create a second communication link with a third user device to retransmit said broadcast information to said third user device via said second communication link to receive and to render said broadcast information.